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OF INTERSTATE RELATIONS AND MILITARY SECURITY ISSUES

FROM USDEL MPT

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BEGIN SUMMARY. MENDELEVICH TOOK STRONG ISSUE WITH IDEA
THAT DRAFT MANDATE ON PRINCIPLES SHOULD AFFIRM AN INTER-
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VARIOUS PRINCIPLES. HE SAID HE HAD
STIFF INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE THIS CONCEPT. DURING
DISCUSSION OF MILITARY MEASURES, HE INDICATED THERE IS
NO GIVE IN SOVIET OPPOSITION TO INCLUSION OF " MAJOR
MILITARY MOVEMENTS" AMONG ITEMS SUBJECT TO PRIOR NOTIFI-
CATION. HE STATED FLATLY THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT GO
BEYOND PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISES AND MANEUVERS. END SUMMARY.
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1. PRINCIPLES. SOVIET REP MENDELEVICH ACCOMPANIED BY SOV DELOFF SHIKALOV MET WITH VEST AT US DEL OFFICE MARCH 15. HE TOOK SHARP ISSUE WITH STATEMENTS IN UK NON- PAPERS (HELSINKI 625) AND ROMANIAN DRAFT MANDATE FOR BASKET ONE (HELSINKI 616) TO EFFECT THAT VARIOUS PRINCIPLES GOVERNING RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES ARE INTER-RELATED. HE CALLED THIS VIEW DANGEROUS AND ABSURD IN THAT IT TENDED TO UNDERMINE VALIDITY OF EACH INDIVIDUAL PRINCIPLE SINCE NONFULFILLMENT OF ONE WOULD TEND TO VITIATE OBLIGATION TO FULFILL OTHERS. HE SAID SOVIETS HAD MADE STRONG REPRESENTATION TO ROMANIANS ON THIS QUESTION AND INDICATED THEY WOULD OPPOSE STRONGLY IF ROMANIANS PERSISTED. MENDELVICH SAID HE INTENDED TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACH TO BRITISH AND DESCRIBED SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS POINT AS " VERY STRONG." HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT ITALIAN PAPER DID NOT CONTAIN THIS CONCEPT. VEST OBSERVED THAT THIS POINT WAS OF OBVIOUS INTEREST TO FRG AND THAT US POSITION REMAINED THAT SET FORTH IN ITALIAN PAPER.

3. MILITARY SECURITY ISSUES. VEST RESPONDED TO MENDELEVICH QUESTION BY NOTING THAT DISTINCTION IN ITALIAN PAPER BETWEEN " MAJOR MILITARY MOVEMENTS" AND " MANEUVERS" WAS DELIBERATE AND WAS INTENDED TO COVER CERTAIN ACTIVITIES NOT TECHNICALLY FALLING WITHIN CATEGORIES OF EXERCISES OR MANEUVERS WHICH NEVERTHELESS BORE OBVIOUS RELATIONSHIP TO STRENGTHENING CONFIDENCE AND SECURITY. ITALIAN PAPER INCLUDED THIS ELEMENT ON ASSUMPTION THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED IN THIS AREA THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ESTABLISHING CLIMATE OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE.

3. MENDELEVICH SAID THAT SOVIET INSTRUCTIONS WERE INFLEXIBLE ON THIS POINT. HE COULD STATE FLATLY THAT SOVIETS WERE NOT PREPARED TO EXPAND MATTERS SUBJECT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION BEYOND EXERCISES AND MANEUVERS. HE SAID THAT FROM SOVIET STANDPOINT MANEUVERS " COVER EVERY-THING."

4. IN RESPONSE VEST PROBING, MENDELEVICH EXPRESSED " PERSONAL OPINION" THAT SOVIETS COULD CONSIDER DROPPING CONFIDENTIAL

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EITHER THE WORD " POSSIBILITY" OR THE PHRASE " BY INVITATION"

FROM THE GDR FORMULTION RE EXCHANGING OBSERVERS.

5. MENDELEVICH INDICATED THAT SOVIETS ARE CONSCIOUS OF NEED AT SOME POINT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DESIRES OF NUMBER OF STATES TO HAVE MANDATE LANGUAGE PERMITTING DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY OTHER THAN CBM' S IN THE CSCE FORUM. FOR THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING NEW TO OFFER AND WAS LIMITING HIMSELF TO OCCASIONAL HINTS IN HIS REMARKS AT WORKING GROUP SESSIONS THAT PARTICIPANTS WISHING TO ESTABLISH LINK BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY ASPECTS OF SECURITY SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH LANGUAGE CALLING FOR GENERAL COOPERATION IN DISARMAMENT.

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